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TALKING ABOUT MEXICO.

Her Fine Horse Sale—That Big Stake at the County Fair.

Fulton, Mo., May 3.—More big premiums will be offered at the annual county fairs in North Central Missouri this fall than ever before in the history of the State. Some of the smallest fairs are offering purses of \$1,000 and \$1,500 for feature events, whereas in former years the limit has been about \$500.

The announcement of these valuable premiums, it is believed, will result in bringing some of the finest horseflesh in the country to the fairs. Even with the rather modest purses in the past the showing has been exceptionally high class, and combined with the great development of the State as a fine-horse center, will assure a great showing of thoroughbreds at the fairs.

Recently in Mexico more than \$45,000 worth of blooded horses were sold at public auction by the Missouri Sales Association. Horses were sent from all parts of the country, and buyers were present from all parts of the United States to participate in the sales. A train load of animals left Mexico at the conclusion of the two days' sale, and at Moberly were routed to all parts of the country.

Announcements already have been made of special premiums that will be offered by fair associations, most prominent among which are the special premiums for the best five-gaited saddle horse, mare or gelding. Premiums definitely decided upon are as follows in this class: Callaway County Fair at New Bloomfield, August 19 to 22, \$1,000; Audrain County Fair, at Mexico, August 12 to 15, \$1,500; Boone County Fair, at Columbia, August 4 to 8, \$1,000; Sturgeon Fair, August 25 to 28, \$1,000; Montgomery County Fair, at Montgomery City, August 25 to 28, \$500.

Audrain County Teachers.

County Superintendent of Schools J. L. Shobe hands us the following:

Rural Teachers Re-employed:—New Michigan, Pearle Parker, \$60; East Lick, Ella Criswell; Burnham, Janette White, \$75; Highland, Mabel Kilgore; Hedge-dale, Mabel Cook; Prairie Lea, Abbie Sullivan, \$60; Walker, Geo. D. Coakley; Black, Gladys G. Furber, \$50; Hall, Anna Maskey; Sunrise, Elizabeth O'Brien; Gant, C. W. Sansberry, \$60; Flynt, Annie Marshall.

New Teachers Employed:—Bear Slough, Vea Smith; Dye, Effie Bryson; Molino, E. E. Shay, \$60; Fox, Blanche Taylor, \$60; Pine, Frances Sappington, \$55; Hurdle, Mrs. Nellie McKeenan; Sims, Zola Beal, \$55; Prairie Chapel, Zella Brown; Jackson, Myrtle Duncan, \$60; Cedar Grove, Esther Harrison; Beaver Dam, Blanche White, \$60; Hisey, Miss Smith, \$55; Burke, Edd C. Offutt.

Hurt in Runaway.

J. Frank Edwards, southeast of Centralia, Tuesday of last week, was driving a four-horse team to a stalk cutter when the team became frightened and ran away. Mr. Edwards was thrown in front of the cutter and his right arm was broken in two places, his left ankle dislocated besides he suffered a number of deep flesh wounds, requiring about 30 stitches to close them. His condition was regarded as quite critical for a time, but we are glad to report that he is reported as recovering all right.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

J. E. Green: This is Saturday I am talking to you. My help on my farm south of Mexico finished planting 24 acres of corn today. But last Sunday I met a streak of bad luck; lost a fine mare and young colt. I would not have parted with them for \$200. The colt was by one of Hamilton Bros. fine saddle horses. Such a loss makes "Uncle Jim" feel just a little blue.

Royal Jesse: I celebrated my 82nd birthday the 6th ult. Two of my daughters get your Message—Mrs. Melissa Rodhouse at Columbia and Mrs. Lotta Cullers of Iowa. I was here on the site of Mexico when there was no Mexico. Audrain was then a part of Callaway county. I enjoy "The Old-Time Religion." Seems to me they do not get the brand of Christianity they used to. The plea for repentance used to be emphasized, now it is believe. But enough about that. I am happy in my lingering days, sleep like a child and feel that I have a conscience void of offense before God and man.

Tom Reighley: I have lived at Farber for a long time. My wife was a Miss Anderson. John Reighley, my brother, lives over at Wellsville and I have two other brothers in Canada. Well do I recall the days when I used to meet the (now) editor of the Message and other Lick Creek boys at the picnics and other doings in the east part of the county. But I'm a little broken in health now; can't go the gaits like I used to—but it's good philosophy to keep as sweet and optimistic as possible.

J. P. Duncan: I live out in Molino neighborhood. Moved there from Thompson some time since. Am going to plant 50 acres of corn. Already have 16 acres planted. Ground's a little dry. I would rather be a little early in planting corn, and be ready for these early rains, than to be late and take chances on late rains. Besides, when I plant early I usually get a good yield, a better grade and the corn is more solid.

G. R. McCall: I have fattened up steadily since I have returned from my year or two's residence in Oklahoma. Been suffering lately, however, with rheumatism. By the way, Mr. Editor, did you ever hear the darkey's definition of rheumatism as compared with neuralgia? You know the doctors don't know what either of them is, but the darkey knew. He said: "Go down to de blacksmith's shop, put your thumb in dat vise, turn de vise on your thumb", and squeeze it till you can't stan' it no mo'. Dat's rheumatism. Den give de vise another big turn—dat's neuralgia." The darkey knew that neuralgia hurts the worst, didn't he?

Thos. R. Harlow: I spend most of my time caring for my aged father, E. R. Harlow. We live in Benton City. My father is 72 and has been helpless for a year and never can get well. I believe in the children keeping the Fifth Commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

C. L. Stewart: Not much to it yet—that talk for consolidating the Rush Hill, Walker, McClintic and Hedgedale school districts. Two or three here at Rush Hill started the agitation. There'll be nothing doing this year, but next year the proposition may be submitted to the voters of the districts concerned.

HIGH HILL DISTRICT.

Frying Chickens Sell at 30 Cents—Mr. Edwards, Hurt in Runaway.

Planting corn is the order of the day, but we are getting dry. Mrs. Musie and little girl, Alice, also Mrs. Miller and daughter and Mrs. Zehr visited at B. F. Pulis' Tuesday.

Frank Edwards who got hurt in a runaway is doing as well as could be expected.

Those on the sick list are Mrs. Hattie Vance, and Lena Jerman, and little Ralph Botkin is threatened with croup.

W. D. Pulis and family have moved back to Centralia.

Uncle Ely Lanham has gone back to his home in Boone county. Mrs. Jim Lanham went home with him and made a visit with him and other relatives there and near Ashland.

Elbert Craighead, south of Centralia, had a runaway last week but glad to say no one hurt.

B. F. Pulis made a business trip near Hutton Wednesday.

Miss Grace Smith and Lena Sellers are visiting in Columbia.

Philip Dalby bought a cow and calf of B. L. Iman for \$65.

Mrs. L. L. Spencer has sold some frying chickens at 30 cents a pound.

W. D. Pulis and children visited B. F. Pulis and wife and Mrs. at Elmer Pulis' near Halle'sville Sunday.

L. L. Spencer delivered a wagon load of hogs at Centralia last week at \$8.00.

J. E. Lanham and wife visited at Mrs. Lanham's father's, J. W. Roberts, south of Centralia, Sunday.

Seven Audrain Graduates.

Seven Audrain county boys and girls will graduate from various departments in the Missouri University this spring as follows:

In Law, Chalmers Irwin Henderson, of Molino; B. S. in Civil Engineering, Jas. Ralph Hancock, Laddonia; B. S. in Electrical Engineering, Carter Harris Taylor, Mexico; A. B. in College of Arts and Science, Misses Martha Chinn, Vandalia; Frances Glandon and Clara Haggard, of Mexico, and Howard Williamson, of Mexico. Misses Glandon, Chinn and Haggard will also receive a degree from the School of Education.

Barely Got There.

The County Court granted Wm. Kemper saloon license this week. It was the first time the "two-thirds rule" was put in force and Mr. Kemper got his license by just one name above the required two-thirds of the taxpayers in the block after the court had disqualified and stricken off 21 names on the petition.

Joseph Darr, of Palmyra, Mo., a nephew of Mrs. N. Spencer of near Rush Hill, was killed recently in an automobile accident in Chicago.

Harrison Culbertson, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Culbertson of this city, has been very ill of mumps at Fayette where he is attending college. His mother went to his bedside first of the week.

Wm. G. Pike is surely to be the new postmaster at Martinsburg. His appointment has been confirmed by the powers that be at Washington.

Capt. N. Dix, Justice of the Peace at Martinsburg, resigned his office this week.

Earl G. Letts of Iowa has bought S. C. Thompson's airdome in Mexico, paying \$6,500.

STROTHER ITEMS.

Nice shower both Saturday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Ada Smiley and Miss Aimie Cleary were shopping in Paris last Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Neirns entertained a number of her friends at a flower gathering last Sunday evening.

Mr. Reid made a business trip to Paris Wednesday, taking a load of eggs and bringing back a load of freight.

Strother school has the honor, this year, of everyone of her pupils who took the rural examinations of passing. Those from the eighth grade were Leta Bright, Eugene Guthrie, Frank Belmer, Stockwell Smithy, Mary Harrison, Hugh Smiley, Drake Smiley, Ruth Neirns, Rubey Skeen, Clara Crigler, Jack Greenup, Iva Wren, Viola Steinmiller. The ninth, Harold Guthrie, Scott Holland, Bloyse Vaughn, Aimie Cleary, Annie Lee Ried, Annie Smithy and Bertha Skeen.

The young people of New Hope have organized a Christian Endeavor, Mack Olverson acting as president.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rudasil are entertaining a new daughter, Miss Henrietta Pearl.

Roy Reid and family left Strother Saturday to farm his mother-in-law's farm.

Laddonia High School.

Rev. B. G. Reavis of Mexico preached the baccalaureate sermon before the senior class of the Laddonia High School last Sunday. The services were held at the Laddonia Baptist church. The graduates this year will be: Misses Lona Alexander, Ruby Webber, Marie Torreyson, Alpha Hoyt and Everett Alexander, and Messrs. Tom De Laporte, Eugene Summers, Howard Smith and Wallace Crandall. It is a very bright and intelligent group of young men and young women.

Three Graduates.

There are three members of the class of 1913 of the Missouri Military Academy that graduate this spring. They are Bryant Parrott of Keosauqua, Iowa; James Ray of Edna, Kansas, and Floyd Fuell of Leeton, Mo. The Academy will hold its baccalaureate services this year with those at Hardin College.

Dr. W. P. Cutler was in Mexico again last week inspecting the dairy cows of E. C. S. Miller, Geo. E. La Force, I. T. Van Note and Henry Stowers. Dr. Cutler thinks milk is cheap in Mexico. He says figure it out yourself. A quart of milk selling here for seven cents is equal in nutrition to eight eggs selling for about 20 cents, or a pound of stake selling for 22 cents. Why, a quart of milk and some bread is good enough rations for a man to labor on at plowing all day. And we might add that if all of us would live on this kind of diet a little more, leaving out the other specials, we might cut the high cost of living and be just as healthy besides.

The annual Missionary Convention of the Christian Churches in the Sixth (Mo.) District is to be held at Macon Mo., May 12 and 13. We notice that Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, Rev. J. D. Greer and Mrs. Dan Cauthorn, of Mexico; C. H. Swift, of Centralia; Mrs. F. P. Dye and J. P. Rowlinson, of Vandalia, have places on the program.

Mrs. W. J. Botts gave her husband a surprise party last Thursday, it being his birthday. A number of Mr. Botts' gentlemen friends were in and all wished him many returns of the day. Ah, Mr. Botts is but 55.

ROBBED OF \$250.

Thugs Get Mexico Train Man at Louisiana.

Louisiana, Mo., May 5.—Thos. Creamer of Mexico, Mo., fireman on one of the Burlington-Alton fast trains out of Francis, was sandbagged here early today and robbed of \$250 in cash. He arrived here on a freight and started thru the Alton yards to take a short cut to his brother's home when accosted by two thugs. He knocked down the smaller of the two men, but was knocked unconscious by the other, who robbed him and got away.

QUIVRE ITEMS.

Nick Lemon Loses Leg—Little Child Is Operated on.

Mrs. Clarence Bates and three children left Monday for a month's visit with relatives in the northern part of the State. She will visit at several points before her return home.

Dr. Moore of Mexico was called to assist Dr. McCall of Laddonia in operating on little Garnett Rocky who has been sick for some time. An abscess on her left lung was drained and she is now in a fair way for recovery.

Mrs. S. V. Montague spent several days at the bedside of her brother, Nick Lemon, of Vandalia, last week. Mr. Lemon had the misfortune to break a leg in March and had to have it amputated last week. His condition was quite critical at the time but the operation was a success and he seems much improved since then.

Charlie Brace has the very latest arrival in new buggies and it is a dandy.

Mrs. Ethel Chapman and two little children of Mexico returned to their home Saturday after a week's visit with relatives near Laddonia.

Miss Inez Lofton was a guest at the home of Jas. Hall Sunday.

Tobe Dubray and family spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Barnes north of Laddonia.

Little Miss Oneita Gray spent last week with relatives in Laddonia.

Henry Oaks made a flying trip to Moberly Saturday.

A. E. Brae and family were the guests of his son, George, Sunday.

M. S. Carter has sold his Broken Dollar Store at Centralia to Carter W. Atkins. Mr. Atkins is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Press Atkins of near Centralia. Mr. Carter formerly lived in Mexico. He married Miss Birdie Boatman of this city.

Somebody took F. L. Crosby's horse and buggy from the hitch racks in Mexico Saturday night and drove it into the country and turned it loose. The horse headed toward home but got frightened and ran away and tore the buggy to pieces.

A firm that wholesales and retails ice cream over at Paris received a 20-ton shipment of rock salt the other day from Lyons, Kan., and the freight cost them twice as much as the salt.

Miss Ruth Cauthorn of this city is an enthusiastic Sunday school girl. She attends at the Mexico Christian church and has had an unbroken attendance in her Sunday school class for five years.

P. M. Morris and son, Will H. Morris, of California, are arranging to visit old friends in Mexico this summer.

County Court convened Monday.

MARTINSBURG ITEMS.

H. P. French was in St. Louis on business Wednesday.

Mrs. S. B. Ham and little son visited relatives in Fulton last week.

Mrs. John McIntyre and daughter, Miss Helen, of Mexico, were in Martinsburg Tuesday.

Miss Mamie Fennewald was in Mexico Tuesday.

Miss Blanche Taylor made a business trip to Thompson Tuesday.

Mrs. M. Hall who has been in Virginia for several months returned home last week.

Miss Ella Black of Wellsville visited friends here Thursday.

Sam Moser and Leslie Stephens went to St. Louis Friday.

Dr. L. T. Carr's father is visiting him this week.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church met with Mrs. N. M. Friedman Thursday.

Miss Mattie Matthews spent Sunday in Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blattner of Wellsville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Horton.

Mrs. M. S. Johnson and Alleta French were in Mexico Monday.

Dr. J. C. Blain of Wellsville was here on business Monday.

POWELL FORD.

Several are planting corn in this neighborhood.

All are planning for Home Coming Day at Rising Sun church fourth Sunday in May.

Ralph McMurtry in loading a toy pistol happened to let the cartridge explode in his hand. He was put in the doctor's care immediately. His many friends are glad to know that he is getting along nicely.

Milford Berry purchased a new buggy recently.

Some have sheared sheep in this vicinity.

Miss Mary Cordelia Mason is visiting relatives in Mexico.

Robert Allen sold a nice young horse to John Carroll of Mexico for \$140.

Oscar Lewis hauled a load of sheep to Mexico Monday for J. H. Dillard.

Walter Morris and Clifton Blattner have formed a partnership and will open an ice cream parlor and confectionery store in the new Masonic building. They are installing their fixtures this week. Messrs. Morris & Blattner are hustlers and we predict they will have a fine business from the start.

L. T. Coyle, a hog cholera doctor, formerly residing in this city, is reported to have been killed last week at Ardmore, Okla., by his wife's first husband, from whom she was divorced.

Prof. J. W. Million, Rev. W. A. Shullenberger, Wm. Pollock and Rolla McIntyre attended the Peace Congress in St. Louis last week as delegates from the Mexico Commercial Club.

Boulevard Place is a new addition to Mexico, composed of 34 lots, lying west of the King's Daughters' Home for Aged Women. Fred Llewellyn is the owner.

Miss Kitty Turley of Mexico, who has been teaching at Washington, Mo., for two or three years, has been promoted and now takes a place in the high school of that city.

Miss Esther Hardine is the new bookkeeper at the Crown Laundry. Miss Bessie Denton is now bookkeeper for W. F. Atkinson.

George Marshall is afflicted with the mumps.

MOLINO ITEMS.

Personal Mention—Those Coming and Going.

Mrs. Noble Barnes of south of Mexico visited relatives near here several days last week.

Ed. Bybee and family visited his father, Tom Bybee and family of Mexico, last Wednesday.

J. W. Weaver and wife of Mexico were the guests of relatives in this vicinity last week.

Miss Amy Cowherd of Mexico was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Porter Cauthorn, from Friday till Monday.

Miss Leota Weaver was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. B. Marshall of Mexico, Thursday night. Mrs. Marshall accompanied her home Friday and remained her guest until Monday.

Dode Barnes and family entertained Mrs. Barnes' parents, John Woods and wife, of Mexico, Saturday night and Sunday.

Ed. Bybee and family were the dinner guests of Carl Wilson and wife, Sunday.

Misses Laura and Byrd Barnett of Mexico were the guests of Will Heizer and wife Sunday and Sunday night and attended church at Mt. Zion.

R. H. Dudley of Mexico attended church at Mt. Zion Sunday and took dinner with his brother, James Dudley and wife.

The Rev. T. M. Grimmett of Fulton filled his regular appointment at Mt. Zion Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Marian Johnson, Lucile Beagles and Miss Fields were the Sunday guests of Miss Ruth Woods.

J. E. Blum and wife and Miss Annie Heizer were the guests of R. L. Heizer and family Sunday.

Harve Robinson and family, of Duly, were the guests of R. L. Robinson and family Sunday.

J. E. Berrey and wife of near Gantt were guests of relatives here Sunday and Monday.

HAZEL DISTRICT.

Farmers very busy planting corn. Rain is needed.

B. F. Mayes and family visited near Molino Sunday afternoon.

Miss Emma Williamshorst visited homefolks last week.

Blume Bros. have 20 acres of corn planted.

Mr. Williamshorst and family attended church at Laddonia last Sunday.

The oats do not look well. Need rain. The wheat looks fine.

B. F. Mayes sold two sows and pigs last week.

Mrs. B. F. Mayes has 120 little chickens.

The following relatives from a distance attended the funeral of Allen Stallings in Mexico last week: Three brothers, W. H., of Alhambra, Ill.; Thomas, of Granite City, Ill., and Andrew, of New Douglass, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. Rose Dixon, of Greenville, Ill.; a cousin, Wardie Stallings, of Alton, Ill., and Eugene Revelle, another cousin, of Edwardsville, Ill.

J. S. Wilson, of Mason City, Iowa, who has been building a new dwelling on his farm near Rush Hill, returned home last Saturday. His farm is adjoining Rush Hill on the northwest. The new house was to take the place of the one burned a couple of months ago.

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 43rd Year in Business.
 W. W. FRY, President.
 SAM LOCKE, Cashier.